ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The project , was rejected from the environmental angle in October, 1987 due to non-availabi'hy of viable Action Plans for Catchment Area Treatment, Compensatory Afforestation, Command Area Development and Rehabilitation including]and for land compensation. The project also involves diversion of forest land.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. The project is expected to provide irrigation and power and also supply water to the industrial complex af Vishakhapat-iiam.

Raising of freedom fighters' pension amount

*194. SHRI SHANTl TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to raise the amount of free dom fighters' pension; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is taken to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) No decision has been taken so far in this regard.

Recovery of dues from M/s. ITC Limited

195. SHRI ISH DTJTT YADAV-SHRI

VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE.be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Excise and Customs had, in a circular issued on the 23rd April, 1988 directed all the Principal Collectors and Collectorate of Central Excise to issue demand notices to all the units of ITC;

(b) if so, when the demand notices were issued to ITC units, stating the amount involved;

(c) what follow-up aetion has been taken to recover the amount, stating the recovery made so far and the reasons for the non-rocovery of the remaining dues: and

(d) the manner in which Govern ment propose to recover the outstand ing dues from ITC units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) No such circular was issued on the 23rd April. 1983. However a circular dated 21st March. 1988 was issued to all Collectors of Central Excise communicating the advice of the Ministry of Law in regard to the determination of assessable valuo in cases where additional consideration is received by the manufacturer over and above the price charged. In respect of the cases against M/s I.T.C. Ltd. the Collectors were asked to take necessary action in the light of the advice of Ministry of Law.

(b) Demand notices were issued '" the units of M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. as under:

Collecti rate	Date of issue of demand notice	Amount of duty de . (Rs. in crore< approxima tely)
Meerul .	28.4.1'. 8S	80.30
*Bangalore	29.9-1987	27.58
Patna	16.6.1988	2-M
Calcutta . .	27.7.1988	f.. 47

*In Bangalore Collectorate the demand was issued before the issue of Circular dated 21-3.1988.

(c) An on account payment of R». 14.78 crores approximately has been made by M/s. I.T.C. Limited before issue of the circular dt 21.3.1988.

In respect of the demand issued to the ITC unit in Meerut Collectorate,,